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August 9, 2007

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, McKENZIE
FIELD, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

F. W. RABALAIS, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the McKenzie Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for CV RA SUC at the location shown on the attached plat.
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SUC which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To permit the allowable assigned to CV RA SUC to be produced from either the substitute unit well, the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells in the manner determined by the operators of these wells.
4. To designate Applicant as operator of the proposed alternate unit well and to authorize Applicant to report production from such well separately from the substitute unit well which is operated by Mineral Ventures, Inc.
5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the McKenzie Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1074, effective September 19, 1979.

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Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 21010 Vermont Street, Livingston, Louisiana 70754. Any person desiring to inspect any such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 686-2355 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

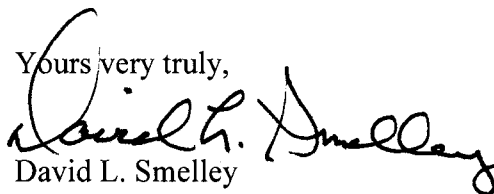
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of McKenzie Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed is a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,



-- David L. Smelley
Attorney for F. W. Rabalais, Inc.

DLS:dp

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. F. W. Rabalais (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

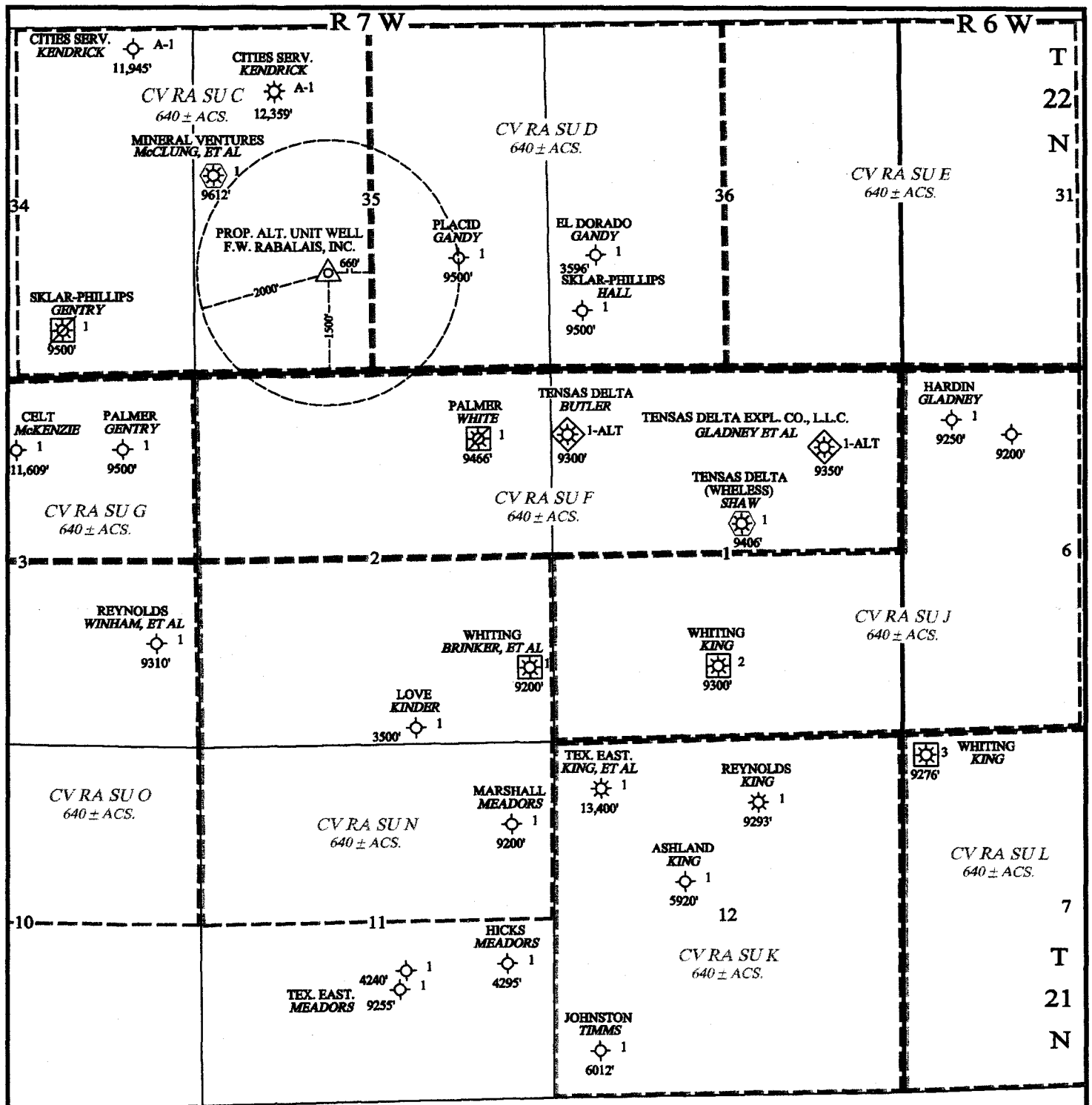


EXHIBIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. _____

F.W. RABALAIS, INC. FT. WORTH, TEXAS

McKENZIE FIELD
CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL FOR COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNIT C



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COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNIT C



EXISTING UNIT WELL FOR
COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS



EXISTING SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL FOR
COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS



EXISTING COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS
EXISTING ALTERNATE UNIT WELL FOR
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SHALLOW WELLS NOT SPOTTED.



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